Xbox Ambassadors Celebrate Women’s History Month 2024

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At Xbox, we believe that every woman deserves recognition as a main character. For this Women’s History Month, we’ve connected with women from the Xbox Ambassadors community to put a spotlight on their experience as a woman in gaming.

“*It’s something special to be represented, and it is taken to an even higher level when you can directly identify with the story because of that representation,*” says Xbox Ambassador **DJMHXSTGSRCC** on how representation directly impacts their gaming experience.

Today, women define and lead our global culture and play a huge role in the gaming industry. The presence and impact that women have on gaming is growing more and more each year.

“*I grew up playing as men characters. The few games that had women playable characters, the women were underdressed or had less power than the men. Being able to play women characters now and seeing how far we have come… just wow! I feel proud to be a woman,*” shares **IAmMadeClean**.

We know that women have always been main characters. Yet they are still often only acknowledged for their supporting roles, regardless of their impact and importance.

“*I absolutely loved Cortana from the Halo series. She guided and aided Master Chief. She had her own struggles to overcome, but she stood for much more. Sure, we could not play as her, but she made a positive difference in the storyline,*” explained **IAmMadeClean**.

Throughout the year, we’re showcasing how gaming is better for all – when women are the main characters and can play how they want.

“*Being able to play as a strong woman in gaming has made me feel important. For so long women in gaming have been sexualized and been*

props, not main characters. Women being the main protagonist is a huge step towards equality," says **Jae Maraj**.

"*In gaming today, we can choose to be strong woman characters that stand up for themselves. It feels nice to be proud of my gender, knowing that I, too, am able to be strong,*" says **IAmMadeClean**

While much progress has been made throughout the years, women are still faced with underrepresentation and underappreciation when they work, and harassment and discrimination when they play online. Here are some tips from Xbox Ambassadors to help you feel safe online.

"*Don't be afraid to use privacy settings. The settings are there to help people stay safe. They can be and should be adjusted the user as the user sees fit.*" – **Mistress Sara**

"*I do use Xbox safety tools/settings when I game. I don't allow messages from people who are not friends. I can choose if I want to read the message(s) or just delete them when they come in. I'm not afraid to report messages that break the Terms of Service.*" – **Mistress Sara**

"*Like any hobby, gaming is about the adventure, not strictly a means to an end. If you find you have fun and are enjoying yourself, keep going. If it's a struggle for you to be immersed and forget life's troubles, take a deep breath, and return when you're ready.*" – **DJMHXSTGSRCC**.

"*Don't give out details about where you live. You can be yourself, but don't give others your personal information.*" – **IAmMadeClean**

"*Play games and party chat with friends and family that you trust. Do not ever give out any kind of personal information including your real name. If you feel uncomfortable with what someone is saying or asking, mute the player, report if necessary. I know we can all get a bit salty in games sometimes but remember the golden rule, if you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything at all. If you are looking for people to play with for a specific game you can search for groups on Xbox. Happy Gaming!*" – **oOGingerAleOo**

For a full look at how Xbox is celebrating Women in Gaming, visit the Xbox Wire.